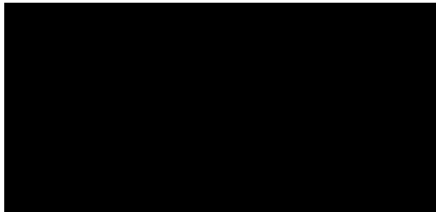Dear Sirs,

Please accept our apologies for the delay and note the response from Markyate Parish Council.

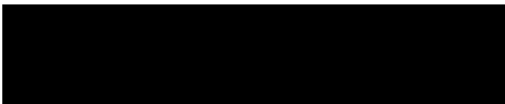Markyate Parish Council supports the responses from NALC

1. ICO need to continue to work closely with NALC and the wider local council sector over the next three years to ensure that freedom of information (FOI) guidance and regulations are fit for purpose, as well as data sharing guidance
2. There are still too many vexatious Freedom of Information (FOI) requests being made to England's local councils who are not resourced to deal with them; &
3. NALC agrees in principle with transparency but ICO needs to be aware that FOI for instance pushes the capacity envelope for local councils in terms of their ability to respond to requests which are not deemed "reasonable"

Without assistance, the consultations being sent to local councils are beyond their resources and generally incomprehensible to local councillors.

Many Thanks

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